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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SD Warrant Officer named one of the nation's best

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CHICAGO, Ill. – The National Guard Association of the United States recognized South Dakota Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer 4 Brett Anderson as an Eagle Rising Award recipient during the 136th General Conference in Chicago, August 22-25.

The Eagle Rising Award, established in 2011, recognizes the achievements and dedicated service of Army National Guard warrant officers.

“Mr. Anderson was nominated for this award because of his outstanding leadership and technical skills as a property accounting technician and for his volunteer service in his community,” said Howard Dressler, president of the National Guard Association of South Dakota.

Anderson enlisted in the SDARNG 25 years ago and attained the rank of Sgt. 1st Class before being appointed as a warrant officer in 2003.

“As a former enlisted Soldier he understands the role of every person in his unit and uses that understanding to determine how to best employ others to accomplish their mission,” said Dressler.

Anderson’s exceptional leadership skills were shown when he volunteered for a deployment to Kuwait in 2009-2010 to serve as the base sustainment officer-in-charge for the 1/147th Field Artillery.

“During the deployment he demonstrated extraordinary leadership skills as a mentor, advisor and technical go-to expert for the senior noncommissioned officers and line officers,” said Dressler.

Anderson said receiving this award makes him reflect on his career and is thankful for those who have helped him along the way.

“My wife, Michelle, has consistently supported me throughout my career and I am fortunate to have worked with a lot of great people who have taken time to impart their knowledge and experience,” said Anderson.

In order to be nominated for the Eagle Rising Award one has to be a member of the National Guard Association and their state’s association.

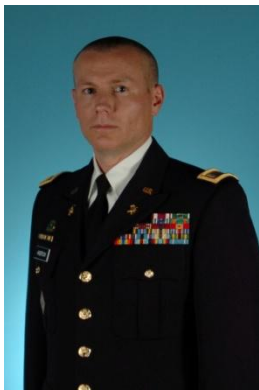
“I always look for the next challenge or opportunity to participate,” said Anderson, a member of both associations. “A mentor once told me ‘If you’re going to be in the organization then you need to be “in” the organization.’”

In addition to Anderson’s military career he is actively involved in the community of Rapid City, South Dakota, where he volunteers his time at Calvary Lutheran Church as a teacher and mentor. He also participates in Leadership Rapid City, where community leaders gather to build and enhance a strong network of leaders.

“Receiving the NGAUS Eagle Rising Award is a great honor, given the extreme professionalism and dedicated service of the entire Army National Guard Warrant Officer Corps,” said Anderson.

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